

# Iowa Driver's



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## ***Important Message to Drivers***

*There are two million drivers who currently retain an Iowa driver's license. It's important to remember that driving is an important privilege that carries with it an enormous responsibility.*

*Careful, considerate drivers, an increased emphasis on safety, and stiff penalties against drunk drivers help ensure a reduction in the number of traffic deaths. All drivers must do their part to avoid traffic accidents.*

*This driver's manual provides valuable information to help you become a safe and responsible driver. You'll learn how to avoid motor vehicle accidents and related injuries. It teaches you to be aware of your surroundings, how to drive defensively, and anticipate and react to dangerous situations on the roadway.*

*Obeying the law is the first step toward being a safe driver. This manual also provides information on how to navigate hazardous driving conditions. Study the information provided in this manual and you'll be on your way to being a responsible driver. It is our desire that your driving experience be enjoyable, but above all, safe.*

**This manual will provide you the information needed for a general understanding of the principles of safe and lawful operation of a motor vehicle. However, it is NOT intended to serve as a precise statement of Iowa statutes concerning the operation of a motor vehicle and should not be considered as such.**

**For further information, check the Code of Iowa, Chapters 321 through 321J, and the Iowa Department of Transportation rules contained in the Iowa Administrative Code.**

### **New Residents**

If you just moved into Iowa, you will be considered an Iowa resident for the purposes of driver's licensing and vehicle registration if any one of the following apply:

1. You have registered to vote in this state;
2. You have enrolled your children in public school;
3. You have accepted a permanent job in the state; or
4. You have resided continuously in Iowa for 30 days.

If you have a valid out-of-state license, follow these steps to receive your Iowa license.

1. Go to a driver's license station.
2. Provide necessary documentation (see pages 6 and 7).
3. Take required tests and turn in your out-of-state license to DOT. If your out-of-state license is valid, you may not have to take a knowledge or road test.
4. Meet Iowa title, registration and use tax requirements on your vehicle (see page 21).

Be sure to read this manual carefully. Not only will it provide the information to pass the driver examination, but it will also broaden your knowledge of safe driving practices.

# Driver's License Permanent Examining and Records Stations

**For specific hours of operation, call the driver's license station  
or the Motor vehicle Information Center at 800-532-1121.**

<b>Ames</b> 515-296-2393	<b>3708 Lincoln Way</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Ankeny</b> 515-244-1052	<b>6310 S.E. Convenience Blvd.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Burlington</b> 319-754-8767	<b>Fairway Shopping Center, 2700 Mount Pleasant St.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Carroll</b> 712-792-5269	<b>510 Carroll St., Suite 1</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Cedar Rapids</b> 319-377-6461	<b>152 Collins Road N.E.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Clinton</b> 563-243-7144	<b>316 S. 2nd St.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
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<b>Fort Dodge</b> 515-573-5141	<b>2313 First Avenue South</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Iowa City</b> 319-338-5294	<b>Eastdale Mall, 1700 W. First Ave.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Marshalltown</b> 641-752-5668	<b>Marshalltown Plaza Mall, 2500 S. Center Street</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Mason City</b> 641-423-8391	<b>Southport Shopping Center, 1622 S. Federal Avenue</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
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<b>Spencer</b> 712-262-6278	<b>Gateway North Shopping Center, East 18th and Grand Ave.</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
<b>Waterloo</b> 319-235-0902	<b>103 Crossroads Center</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.



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**Commercial Vehicle  
Information Phone**

800-925-6469

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Motor Carrier Services  
Oversize Loads/Permits Phone**

515-237-3264

Monday - Friday: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

**Iowa State Patrol  
Emergency Phone**

800-525-5555

Toll Free

or

Cell \*55

**Local Emergency Numbers**

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The Motor Vehicle Information Center  
In Des Moines 515-244-8725  
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